

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

Minutes

February 24 - 25, 2010

The South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs met for a Work Session held Wednesday, February 24 and Thursday, February 25, 2010, at 2:00 PM at the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs Central Office, 3440 Harden Street Extension, Columbia, South Carolina.

The following were in attendance:

COMMISSION

Present:

Kelly Hanson Floyd, Chairman
Rick Huntress (Wednesday – via teleconference)
Otis Speight, Secretary
Bobby Harrell
Deborah McPherson
Nancy Banov

DDSN Administrative Staff

Dr. Beverly Buscemi, State Director; Tom Waring, Acting Deputy State Director, Dr. Kathi Lacy, Associate State Director; Policy; David Goodell, Associate State Director, Operations (For other Administrative Staff see Attachment 1 and 2– Sign In Sheet)

Guests

(See Attachment 1 and 2– Sign In Sheet)

News Release of Meeting

Mrs. Kelly Floyd, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Deborah McPherson read a statement of announcement about the meeting that had been mailed to the appropriate media, interested persons, and posted at the Central Office and on the website in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Adoption of the Agenda

On motion of Mr. Bobby Harrell, seconded by Mrs. McPherson and passed, the Commission approved the agenda for the meeting (Attachment A).

Communications Improvement Strategies

There was discussion on how to improve communication to assure information is getting to the families and consumers.

Barriers to Competition and Consumer Choice

Discussion took place on how DDSN stands with the private providers regarding choice and growth. Dr. Buscemi stated that due to budget issues it is difficult to bring in more providers.

Training Needs

Discussion took place about the barriers that caregivers face when trying to obtain training. It would be helpful if Boards coordinated their training efforts with other boards in order to avoid repeat training or offer more timely training.

Kerr and Company Consultants Contract Update

Robby Kerr and Susan Bowling of Kerr and Company Consultants gave a PowerPoint presentation of the highlights of the limited scope review they conducted on DDSN's band payment system, qualified provider rates, outlier funding, and grant application and evaluation process. A report was provided to each Commission Member. Discussion followed.

Work Session Continued – February 25

Follow-up Discussion on Kerr and Company Consultants Contract Report

Discussion continued on different issues of the report. The Commission Members agreed they would need an additional week or so to review the report and give any comments to Dr. Buscemi. On motion of Dr. Speight, seconded and passed, the Commission approved to accept Kerr and Company Consultants report as information only and make the information accessible to the public on the website with the understanding the Commission will act upon it when the economic situation improves.

Current National Best Practices

Dr. Buscemi stated there are national assessment tools; however, they are expensive to implement. There was discussion regarding looking into grants for funding to implement the assessment tools. Dr. Lacy stated that most grants do not pay for services but rather the infrastructure needed in order to deliver services but agreed to evaluate different grants DDSN can apply for.

Service Reports

Dr. Lacy discussed in detail a five-year perspective of people eligible for DDSN, individuals receiving and/or awaiting various services through DDSN. She provided charts illustrating the information.

Olmstead Update

Mr. David Goodell gave an overview of the 1999 Olmstead Decision and explained how DDSN was already implementing policies in regards to consumer choice and providing least restrictive settings. He also stated this is the first time ever that the U.S. Department of Justice is making Olmstead a high priority and we can expect more activity. Mr. Goodell added DDSN will make every effort to make sure the system is in compliance with the Olmstead decision.

Status of Previously Approved Budget Reduction

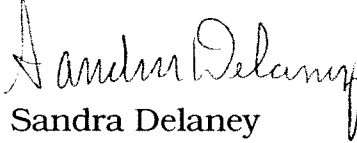
This agenda item was moved to the February 26, 2010 Commission Meeting Agenda

Future Budget Reduction Options

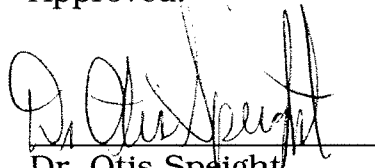
Dr. Buscemi reported the House Ways and Means Committee met yesterday and recommended a 28% base budget reduction and a \$4.7 million reduction to the one-time funding in the Proviso-equally 31% reduction. The Committee proposed allowing us to keep the \$22.3 million increase FMAP but that money will not exist with that base reduction nor can it count as state matched dollars. Dr. Buscemi provided a detailed handout to the Commission Members with information on the budget reduction items so they could prioritize and come to a decision on each item along with the survey of the budget reduction suggestions from the Boards and Contracted Providers. Lengthy discussion of each item followed. On motion of Mr. Harrell, seconded and passed, the Commission approved to write a letter with all Commission Members' and Dr. Buscemi's signatures to the House Ways and Means Committee and copy to the Speaker of the House explaining exactly what the budget reductions numbers meant to DDSN.

On motion of Mr. Harrell, seconded and passed, the Commission Work Session adjourned.

Submitted by,


Sandra Delaney

Approved:


Dr. Otis Speight
Secretary

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Attachment 1

Guest Registration Sheet

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name and Organization

1. Keanne Johnston SCHSP
2. Mary Leither RLDSNB
3. Dirdre Sagers DDSN
4. KEVIN YACOBZ DDSN
5. ~~James~~ Decker
6. ~~Gr Grm~~ UCB
7. Parks Parents UCB
8. CARAYO & Al Meyers SON ZITG parent
9. Lisa Parker PCATE
10. Pithu Adults
11. MILDRED LILLEY Parent
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Attachment 2

February 25, 2010

Guest Registration Sheet

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Name and Organization

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| 1. | KEVIN YACOB | SCDDSN |
| 2. | Joseph Bunker | Allen |
| 3. | Mary Leithner | RLDSNB |
| 4. | Man Pool | York B DSN |
| 5. | Deirdre Sayers | SDSN |
| 6. | Mary Moore | Lee Co DSNB |
| 7. | Deborah K. Smith | Sumter C DSNB |
| 8. | Thoyd Warren | Kershaw |
| 9. | Elise S McQuinn | Hampton |
| 10. | Kelaine Johnston | SC HSP |
| 11. | Daniel Davis | Autism |
| 12. | Linda Veldker | DDSN - HASCP
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DDSN Central Office
Room 251
Columbia, SC

AGENDA

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

2:00 - 3:00 P.M. Welcome – Call to Order

- A. Notice of Meeting Statement
- B. Adoption of Agenda
- C. Communication Improvement Strategies
- D. Barriers to Competition and Consumer Choice
- E. Training Needs

Chairman Floyd
Commissioner Speight

Dr. Beverly Buscemi

3:00 – 4:15 P.M. Kerr and Company Consultants Contract Update

Mr. Robby Kerr

4:30 – 5:30 P.M. Advocates and Families Meet and Greet (Conference Room 180)

Thursday, February 25, 2010 (Continuation)

9:00 - 10:00 A.M. Providers Meet and Greet (Conference Room 180)

10:15 A.M.

- A. Follow-up Discussion on Kerr and Company Consultants Report
- B. Current National Best Practices
- C. Service Reports
- D. Olmstead Update
- E. Status of Previously Approved Budget Reduction
- F. Future Budget Reduction Options

Dr. Kathi Lacy
Mr. David Goodell
Mr. Tom Waring
Dr. Beverly Buscemi

5:00 P.M. Adjournment

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